Conversion Factors

UNIT EQUIVALENT

1 U.S. Barrel 42 U.S. Gallons

1 Short Ton
2,000 Pounds of Coal
Kilowatthours (KWh)
One Thousand Watthours
Megawatthours (MWh)
One Million Watthours
Gigawatthours (GWh)
One Billion Watthours

1 Therm One Hundred Thousand Btus

Approximate Heat Content

Petroleum – Consumption by Electric Power Section, Product Weighted Average (Million Btu per Barrel)

2001 6.358 2002 6.358

Selected Petroleum Products

Aviation Gasoline	5.048
Distillate Fuel Oil (No. 2)	5.825
Jet Fuel, Kerosene Type	5.670
Jet Fuel, Naphtha Type	5.355
Kerosene	5.670
Motor Gasoline	5.253

Natural Gas – Consumption by Electric Utilities (Million Btu per Cubic Foot)

2001 1.029 2002 1.029

Coal – Consumption by Electric Utilities (Million Btu per Short Ton)

2001 20.279 2002 20.479

Electricity – Approximate Heat Rates (Btu per Kilowatthour)

Nuclear Power10,442Fossil Fuel10,106Electricity Consumption3,412

Source: Energy Information Administration, U.S. Department of Energy, Monthly Energy Review.